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## Lutcher Duplex Fire Under Investigation

**Lutcher, LA** – A duplex fire late Tuesday, where a woman's body was found, remains the focus of State Fire Marshal investigators and St. James Sheriff's detectives as they continue to examine the circumstances surrounding the fire.

Investigators were summoned to 1931 West Main Street, in Lutcher, after local fire crews responded just before 11:00 p.m. Tuesday night to a reported residential structure fire. After entering the home, firefighters found the body of a woman, believed to be that of 66-year-old Christine Luminais-Benson, in the living area of the structure.

After being examined by investigators, the victim's body was released to the St. James Parish Coroner for autopsy, which is scheduled for early Thursday.

The cause of the fire, which inflicted severe damage to the structure, remains under investigation.

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### Lutcher Fatal Fire – January 10, 2017



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